Roznava Region Overview

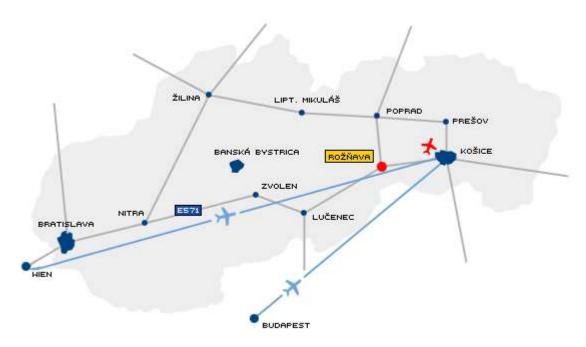
Region Accessibility

Two major routes cross the region of Upper Gemer:

- I.Class road no. 50 (E 571) east-west bounded
- I.Class road no. 67 north-south bounded

Road distances from Roznava

Bratislava - 329 km, Nitra - 238 km, Zvolen - 143 km, Banska Bystrica - 143 km, Poprad - 74 km, Kosice - 70 km



Bus transport

Daily connections every other hour between Bratislava (via Nitra, Zvolen, Lucenec) and Roznava. Connection app. every hour between Kosice and Roznava.

Rail transport

Daily speed-train connections twice a day between Bratislava and Roznava (via Zvolen). Daily speed-train connections (4 times a day) between Kosice and Roznava and few more personal-train connections (slower compared to speed-train).

Air transport

Closest international airport being located in Kosice (KSC) 50 km away from Roznava. International airport Poprad is 69 km away from Rožňava.

Arrivals/Departures from Kosice Intl' Airport

| Arrivais/D | Arrivals/Departures from Kosice Intl' Airport | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|------------|---|---------|------------|--|--------|-----------|------------|--------------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|
| Day | Flight | Arrival | From | | Flight | Departure | То | Carrier | | | | | |
| | NE 030 | 7:30 | Bratislava | | OK 979 | 4:50 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| | OK 976 | 8:10 | Prague | | OS 744 | 5:15 | Vienna | Austrian Airlines DHC | | | | | |
| | OK 972 | 13:10 | Prague | | NE 031 | 5:20 | Bratislava | Sky Europe Airlines B737 | | | | | |
| Monday O | OS 741 | 14:40 | Vienna | | NE 033 | 8:00 | Bratislava | Sky Europe Airlines B737 | | | | | |
| to Friday | NE 034 | 15:00 | Bratislava | | OK 977 | 8:55 | Prague | CSA B737 | | | | | |
| | OK 974 | 18:45 | Prague | | OK 973 | 14:25 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| | OK 978 | 23:15 | Prague | | OS 742 | 15:20 | Vienna | Austrian Airlines DHC | | | | | |
| | OS 743 | 23:55 | Vienna | | NE 035 | 15:30 | Bratislava | Sky Europe Airlines B737 | | | | | |
| | NE 038 | 23:55 | Bratislava | | OK 975 | 19:15 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| | OK 976 | 8:10 | Prague | | OK 979 | 4:50 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| | OK 972 | 13:10 | Prague | | OS 744 | 5:15 | Vienna | Austrian Airlines DHC | | | | | |
| Saturday | OK 978 | 21:15 | Prague | | NE 031 | 5:20 | Bratislava | Sky Europe Airlines B737 | | | | | |
| | | | | | OK 977 | 8:55 | Prague | CSA B737 | | | | | |
| | | | | | OK 973 | 14:25 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| | OK 972 | 13:10 | Prague | | OK 979 | 8:00 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| | OS 741 | 14:40 | Vienna | | OK 973 | 14:25 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| | NE 034 | 15:00 | Bratislava | | OS 742 | 15:20 | Vienna | Austrian Airlines DHC | | | | | |
| Sunday | OK 974 | 18:45 | Prague | | NE 035 | 15:30 | Bratislava | Sky Europe Airlines B737 | | | | | |
| | OK 978 | 23:15 | Prague | | OK 975 | 19:15 | Prague | CSA ATR | | | | | |
| _ | OS 743 | 23:55 | Vienna | | | | | | | | | | |
| | NE 038 | 23:55 | Bratislava | | | | | | | | | | |

Summer Timetable 2007

Kosice Airport will launch the following new flights to/from European destinations with Boeing 737-700 aircraft as of 30 October 2007: 3 weekly flights to London, 3 weekly flights to Dublin, 7 weekly flights to Prague and 22 weekly flights to Bratislava. The additional

flights are expected to increase the number of passengers handled at Kosice Airport by 250,000 per year.

The new flights will give the entire region of Eastern Slovakia greater access to air travel. VUC and the city of Kosice will support this project by increasing the number of regular bus lines between the airport and the city, whereby the bus schedule will be adjusted to meet the proposed flight plan.

Arrivals/Departures from Poprad-Tatry Intl' Airport

| Day | Flight | Arrival | From | Flight | Departure | То | Carrier |
|-----------|--------|---------|----------------------|--------|-----------|----------------------|---------------|
| Monday | NE 161 | 16:05 | London (Stansted) | NE 160 | 16:45 | London (Stansted) | Sky Europe |
| | OK 982 | 23:50 | Prague | OK 983 | 04:15 | Prague | CSA |
| Tuesday | OK 982 | 23:50 | Prague | OK 983 | 04:15 | Prague | CSA |
| Wednesday | NE 161 | 16:05 | London (Stansted) | NE 160 | 16:45 | London (Stansted) | Sky Europe |
| | OK 982 | 23:50 | Prague | OK 983 | 04:15 | Prague | CSA |
| Thursday | OK 982 | 23:50 | Prague | OK 983 | 04:15 | Prague | CSA |
| Friday | OK 982 | 23:50 | Prague | OK 983 | 04:15 | Prague | CSA |
| Saturday | NE 161 | 16:05 | London (Stansted) | NE 160 | 16:45 | London (Stansted) | Sky Europe |
| | | | | OK 983 | 04:15 | Prague | CSA |
| Sunday | OK 982 | 23:50 | Prague | | | | |

Valid from 25 MAR 2007 till 27 OCT 2007

Industrial Park Roznava

The disponsible extent of the land in m2

The disponible land area is -15,91ha utilizable area is 13,9ha.

The situation plan of lands

The area of the industrial park is a part of the municipality of Roznava on the north- west in the industrial zone of the town. The area is proposed in accordance with the valid zoning in the areas of functional industrial production of the former mining factory. The industrial park is situated in the cadastres of Roznava Bana and Nadabula. The park is well accessible from the crossing of roads I/50 and I/67. The entrance is built from the east side. The main railway Zvolen-Kosice is about 2km from the



industrial park. On the east side border is situated the railway Plesivec – Dobsina with the possibility to build the connection directly from the park. For better projection we attach the map of planned and offered areas, with the communication connections.

Infrastructure/preparatory situation

Infrastructure – the industrial park is situated in the area of former industrial zone, where iron ore was quarried and processed. The industrial park is on Brownfield. In the area of the park is a disponsible infrastructure (electricity, gas, water), but reconstruction is needed.

- The electric connection has 12 MW
- The gas fixture VTL 4000, DN 100
- Sewerage in distance 670m, DN 1000
- Telecommunication 1000m, optical cable TCEKPLE 200XN 0,4

The price of land in EUR/m2

The price of the land is not fix and it is point to discusion with city, whitch is the owner.

Expenses for supplying (electricity, water, gas, sewerage water, elimination of waste material)

The expenses and tariff for supplying is: $\begin{aligned} \textbf{Gas} - 10.5 - 11 \text{ Sk/m3 } & (0.31 \text{ - } 0.33 \text{ EUR/m3}) \\ \textbf{Water} - 29\text{-}31 \text{ Sk/m3 } & (0.87 - 0.93 \text{ EUR/m3}) \\ \textbf{Sewerage water} - 25 \text{ Sk/m3 } & (0.75 \text{ EUR/m3}) \\ \textbf{Waste material elimination} - 1.300 \text{ Sk/ } 1 \text{ t } & (39.3 \text{ EUR/ } 1 \text{ t}) \end{aligned}$

Electricity

| | Connection to | the net VVN | | Connection to | the net VN | |
|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| | Yearly Reserved capacity | 3-months reserved capacity | Monthly reserved capacity | Yearly Reserved capacity | 3-months reserved capacity | Monthly reserved capacity |
| The fix tariff For distribution Of electricity (EUR/MWh) | 2.46 | 2.72 | 0.94 | 4.19 | 4.61 | 5.03 |
| The variable tariff For electricity Distribution (EUR/MWh) | 5.07 | | | 10.38 | | |
| Tariff for Distributional Losses (EUR/MWh) | 1.02 | | | 4.39 | | |

The presence and planned construction of big companies in between 30km (e.g. automobile industry companies)

The most important foreign investments in district Roznava

| Investor | or State Co | | Industrial branch | |
|--------------------|-------------|---------------------|---------------------------------------|--|
| Schiesser Eminence | Switzerland | Gemtex Roznava | textile industry | |
| Hygiene products | Sweden | SCA Gem.Horka | paper industry | |
| Carmeuse société | Belgium | Carmeuse Slovakia | mining and processing of raw material | |
| Interkontakt Kyjev | Ukraine | Siderit spol.s r.o. | mining and processing of raw ore | |

Salary expenses (e.g. average salary expenses)

Salary expenses – the minimal monthly wage in Slovakia is 7.600. –Sk (EUR 230.3). The minimum wage is 43,70 Sk/hour (EUR 1.3/hour).

To this are coming the mandatory deliveries:

| Total | 35,20 % |
|----------------------|---------|
| Reserve fund | 2,75 % |
| Guarantee fund | 0,25 % |
| Accident insurance | 0,80 % |
| Employment insurance | 10,00 % |
| Health insurance | 1,40 % |
| Invalidity | 3,00 % |
| Retirement insurance | 16,00 % |
| | |

The average wage in the engineering industry /according to the position/ is around 15000,- Sk (EUR 454.54) in the region of Roznava. The average wage expenses are about 3,59 EUR/hour.

The preferable industrial fields

The industries in Slovakia represent about 38% of GDP, from which most of them are in car industry, electronics and specific engineering. The other important branches were banking and insurance industry /22,7%/ products distribution and communication /10%/, purchase and markets /11,7%/ production and distribution of electricity, water, and gas /11%/.

For addition – in Slovakia are the following automobile producers:

- Volkswagen Bratislava / Golf, VW Touareg, Porsche Cayaenne, Audi Q7 /
- Peugeot in Trnava / model 206 /
- Kia in Zilina / Model Kie Cee'd /
- Planned are BMW, Rower in East Slovakia

The purchase of land from the state, individuals, legal entity

Both types of lands are sold from the state, individuals and legal entity, depends on the chosen locality. The state properties can be cheaper, but the price difference is not so distinct.

Taxes

The goals of the tax reform implemented in 2004 were to:

- create a business and investment friendly environment eliminating weaknesses and inefficiencies in the tax law
- achieve the highest possible degree of tax fairness by taxing all types and all amount of income equally
- shift the tax burden from direct to indirect taxes

In order to achieve the above, the following taxes were abolished:

- dividend tax
- gift tax
- inheritance tax
- real estate transfer tax

Current Slovak tax system consists of the following taxes:

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Direct taxes - personal income tax
corporate income tax
local taxes (including i.a. real estate tax or motor vehicle tax)
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Indirect taxes –value added tax (VAT) excise tax

Direct taxes

Personal income tax – tax rate 19% (flat)

Slovak tax residents pay Slovak tax on their worldwide income, subject to relief under an applicable double tax treaty or under Slovak law. For the purposes of personal income tax, income is divided into the following categories: employment income, entrepreneurial income and rental income, investment income and other income.

All of the above income categories are subject to personal income tax.

Corporate income tax – tax rate 19% (flat)

As an OECD member, Slovak tax system on corporate taxation generally follows OECD guidelines and principles. Resident companies are subject to Slovak tax on their worldwide income, subject to double taxation treaty relief. Permanent establishments of foreign companies are generally taxed on Slovak-source income only.

There are no provisions for group taxation. This means that consolidated returns cannot be filed and each group company subject to Slovak taxation must submit a separate tax return.

Dividends, liquidation surpluses, inheritance and donation income and income from acquiring new shares due to an increase in share capital <u>are not subject</u> to corporate income tax.

The tax losses from previous years may be proportionally transferred over the subsequent 5 years. Depreciation is a tax deductible expense and is calculated for tax purposes at statutory rates.

Real Estate tax

Includes: tax on land, tax on construction and tax on apartments and non-residential premises in an apartment house.

Tax on land – the current rate is 0.25% of the tax base. The tax rate can be increased and decreased by the respective municipality from January 1st of the corresponding taxation period.

The tax base represents land area in square meters multiplied by the value of the land stated in the Act on Local Taxes No. 582/2004 Coll.

Tax on construction – the current rate is 1 SKK (0.03 EUR) per square meter. The tax rate can be increased and decreased by the respective municipality from January 1st of the corresponding taxation period.

The tax base is the size of the built-up area in square meters. The tax on constructions shall be levied on constructions with one or more above-ground or below-ground levels or parts thereof, which are connected to the ground by a fixed base, for which a final inspection decision was issued or if not, those parts of thereof, which are actually in use.

Tax on apartments – the annual tax rate is 1 SKK (0.03 EUR) per square meter. The tax rate can be increased and decreased by the respective municipality from January 1st of the corresponding taxation period. The base for the apartments is the size of the floor area of the apartment or non-residential premises in square meters.

Motor vehicle tax

Road tax shall be levied only on specified road motor vehicles and trailer vehicles used for or in connection with business activities. Road tax also applies to those taxable persons who use motor vehicles for both private and business purposes. Road tax is a local tax determined by the self-governing regions and it is almost identical in each region.

For personal cars the road tax is determined by the capacity of an engine in cubic centimeters and for buses and utility vehicles it is determined by axles and weight in tons.

Taxes for municipal waste and small construction waste

This local fee is paid for municipal waste with the exception of electro waste. The exact amount is established by the respective municipality.

Indirect taxes

VAT – value added tax in the Slovak Republic includes one tax rate of 19% applied to almost all taxable supplies, excluding some medical products and medical equipment which are taxed at 10%.

Excise taxes consist of the following – excise duty on beer, on wine, on spirits, on tobacco products and on mineral oil.

Short list of basic legislation within the tax law:

- Act No. 595/2003 Coll. on Income Tax
- Act No. 582/2004 Coll. on Local Taxes and Local Fees for Municipal Waste and Minor Construction Waste
- Act No. 222/2004 Coll. on VAT
- Act No. 98/2004 Coll. on the Excise Duty on Mineral Oil
- Act No. 104/2004 Coll. on the Excise Duty on Wine
- Act No. 105/2004 Coll. on the Excise Duty on Spirit
- Act No. 106/2004 Coll. on the Excise Duty on Tobacco
- Act No. 107/2004 Coll. on the Excise Duty on Beer

Educational Structure

Commercial Academy in Roznava

| Number of stu | udents enrolled | Number of | Number of | | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|--|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | Total | graduates | freshmen | |
| 109 | 98 | 89 | 91 | 387 | 129 | 109 | |

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Secondary Proffesional School (Constructing)

| Number of st | udents enrolled | Number of | Number of | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|--|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | Total | graduates | freshmen | |
| 45 | 38 | 46 | 47 | 176 | 57 | 45 | |

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Secondary Nursery School

| Number of stu | idents enrolled | Number of | Number of | | | |
|---------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------|-----------|----------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | Total | graduates | freshmen |
| 70 | 67 | 82 | 54 | 273 | 58 | 70 |

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Associated secondary school (Services)

| Number | | enrolled (acco | Number of | Number of freshmen | Proffesional | | |
|--------|-----|----------------|-----------|--------------------|--------------|-----------|----------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | Total | graduates | iresninen | Training |
| 182 | 178 | 123 | 27 | 510 | 164 | 180 | 303 |

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Secondary Vocational School in Dobsina, Roznava region (mechanical/electrical engineering, sales assistant)

| Number | | enrolled (acco | Number of | Number of | Proffesional | | |
|--------|----|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | Total | graduates | freshmen | Training |
| 25 | 42 | 47 | 41 | 155 | 51 | 25 | 155 |

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Secondary Vocational School in Stitnik, Roznava region (agricultural)

| Number | | enrolled (acco | Number of | Number of | Proffesional | | |
|--------|----|----------------|-----------|-----------|--------------|----------|----------|
| 1. | 2. | 3. | 4. | Total | graduates | freshmen | Training |
| 34 | 26 | 20 | 16 | 96 | 45 | 34 | 96 |

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Language Skills

| | Students studying at least one foreign language | English | French | German | Russian | Spanish | Italian | other | Students with no foreign language | | | |
|--|---|---------|----------|------------------|-----------------|------------|---------|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Secondary professional schools, professional schools | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kosice region | 11876 | 9872 | 628 | 5388 | 541 | 0 | 58 | 172 | 56 | | | |
| Banska Bystrica region | 7799 | 6039 | 487 | 4583 | 75 | 58 | 31 | 0 | 2 | | | |
| | Secondary grammar school s called Gymnázium | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Kosice region | 12539 | 12235 | 1604 | 8300 | 543 | 535 | 0 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| Banska Bystrica region | 9630 | 9261 | 1997 | 6222 | 189 | 327 | 10 | 0 | 0 | | | |
| | | | Secondar | y vocational sch | ools + vocation | al schools | | | | | | |
| Kosice region | 7333 | 4533 | 0 | 2607 | 466 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 435 | | | |
| Banska Bystrica region | 4384 | 2093 | 9 | 2322 | 284 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 335 | | | |
| | | | | Associated sec | ondary schools | | | | | | | |
| Kosice region | 7900 | 5104 | 235 | 4534 | 850 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 139 | | | |
| Banska Bystrica region | 11121 | 6797 | 242 | 7134 | 376 | 117 | 0 | 0 | 315 | | | |

Unemployment Structure

| City | Number of unemployed | Inflow | Distribution according to classification | | | | | | | 0.15 |
|---------------------------|----------------------|--------|--|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---------|
| | | | A+B | C+D+E | F | G | L | N+0 | Total | Outflow |
| Gelnica | 2427 | 155 | 4 | 30 | 0 | 8 | 3 | 6 | 66 | 144 |
| Kosice I | 2294 | 244 | 5 | 13 | 13 | 26 | 7 | 14 | 194 | 248 |
| Kosice II | 3298 | 362 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 128 | 177 | 395 |
| Kosice III | 1429 | 212 | 0 | 12 | 10 | 15 | 8 | 52 | 168 | 161 |
| Kosce IV | 1882 | 182 | 0 | 10 | 12 | 16 | 2 | 57 | 150 | 238 |
| Kosice - okolie | 9124 | 541 | 7 | 20 | 16 | 17 | 42 | 76 | 256 | 724 |
| Michalovce | 9193 | 687 | 9 | 75 | 42 | 21 | 26 | 113 | 394 | 667 |
| Roznava | 6334 | 370 | 7 | 29 | 11 | 13 | 13 | 37 | 152 | 393 |
| Sobrance | 2125 | 161 | 20 | 11 | 4 | 7 | 9 | 4 | 66 | 148 |
| Spisska Nova Ves | 5780 | 405 | 7 | 44 | 22 | 22 | 14 | 22 | 183 | 507 |
| Trebisov | 10132 | 557 | 17 | 51 | 17 | 24 | 39 | 49 | 303 | 815 |
| Kosice region total | 54018 | 3876 | 76 | 296 | 150 | 173 | 164 | 558 | 2109 | 4440 |

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Classification A + B = agriculture, hunting, forestry, fishery and fish farming Classification C + D + E = mining, industrial production, gas/water/electricity production&distribution

Classification F = constructing

Classification G = wholesale & retail, motor-vehicle/motorcycle/consumer goods repair

Classification L = public service and defense, mandatory social security

Classification N + O = health care and social welfare, other public social and personal services